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SUBJECT: LARDINOIS/BOERMA PRESS CONFERENCE

1. MR. BOERMA, SECRETARY GENERAL OF FAO, WAS IN BRUSSELS ON JULY 6, AT THE INVITATION OF MR. LARDINOIS TO DISCUSS VARIOUS ASPECTS OF THE WORLD FOOD SITUATION. FOLLOWING THEIR DISCUSSIONS, THEY GAVE A JOINT PRESS CONFERENCE. ACCORDING TO THE EUROPE BULLETIN, BOERMA STATED AT THAT CONFERENCE THAT PRESENT WORLD STOCKS OF THE MAIN FOODS ARE PRACTICALLY EXHAUSTED. IF THE NEXT HARVESTS IN THE U.S., SOVIET UNION, UNCLASSIFIED

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AND THE FAR EAST ARE POOR, THE WORLD COULD FIND ITSELF IN THE

MIDST OF A FOOD CRISIS BY THE END OF 1973/74. BOERMA FURTHER STATED THAT IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT RESERVES BE BUILT UP, THAT THE LEVEL OF FOOD AID BE MAINTAINED, AND THAT PART OF THE MARKETABLE PRODUCTION BE USED AS COMMERCIAL EXPORTS TO THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. MECHANISMS MUST BE ESTABLISHED FOR EMERGENCY SUPPLIES AND THE EXCESSIVE PRICE INSTABILITY MUST BE REMEDIED THROUGH INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS.

2. ALSO, ACCORDING TO THE EUROPE BULLETIN, LARDINOIS THEN ADDED THAT THE EEC HAD ALREADY PROPOSED SUCH INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS FOR CEREALS, SUGAR, AND CERTAIN DAIRY PRODUCTS, AND THAT THIS WOULD BE THE "FOCAL POINT" IN THE COMING TRADE NEGOTIATIONS. LARDINOIS CONGRATULATED FAO ON THE SUPPORT IT WAS GIVING THIS POLICY, WHICH ALREADY HAS THE BACKING OF NEW ZEALAND, AUSTRALIA, AND CANADA, BUT IS STILL BEING OPPOSED BY THE U.S. GREENWALD

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